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Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Sires voted to support the Commerce-Science-Justice (CJS) Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010, and the legislation passed the U.S. House of Representatives with a vote of 259 to 157. The CJS Appropriations offers funding to a number of essential programs, including over \$3 billion for state and local law enforcement and crime prevention grants, nearly \$7 billion for National Science Foundation research, and \$7.4 billion in critical funding for the 2010 Census.

“These appropriations provide essential federal funding that supports the needs of our local communities. Much of this funding also contributes to the work already begun by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to keep our neighborhoods safe, promote innovation, and grow our local economies,” said Congressman Sires.

Specifically, the Commerce-Science-Justice bill would help fund several initiatives that will have positive local impacts. “This bill offers an additional \$298 million to hire more than 7,000 police officers, and this bill would aid local crime prevention efforts with \$529 million for Byrne Justice Assistant Grants. This bill also includes \$385 million for juvenile justice programs and \$400 million for services to help protect victims of domestic violence and prevent violence against women. Furthermore, this bill will increase opportunities for our young people by providing over \$1 billion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education.” added Congressman Sires.

The Commerce-Science-Justice bill also achieves fiscally responsibility, as it eliminates eleven programs, and cuts funding for thirteen additional programs below 2009 levels. This bill now awaits consideration by the Senate before final approval by President Obama.